

REMARKS

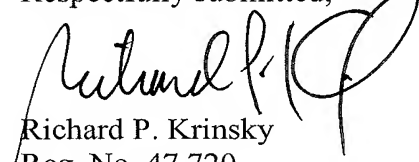
Reconsideration of the objections to the Drawings, and the Abstract is hereby requested. Replacement Sheets and a Replacement Abstract are submitted herewith. Therefore, reconsideration of these objections are respectfully requested.

As stated in the Office Action, Claims 10, 12-26 and 29-30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 10, 12 and 16 have been so rewritten in independent form. Claims 1, 6 and 28 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 2-5, 7, 8, 11 and 27 have been amended to depend from one of the allowable independent claims.

In view of the above, Claims 2-5, 7-27, 29 and 30 and the Application is now in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (677/43982).

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosures: Amendments to the Claims, Replacement Drawings and Replacement Abstract